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- ☒ 2. One or more reference cited herein was cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. See References 1-2.
- ☒ 3. JP-A-05-49967, JP-A-2002-273110 and U.S. 5,817,236 (corresponding to EP 0787519) were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 7, 2006.

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